

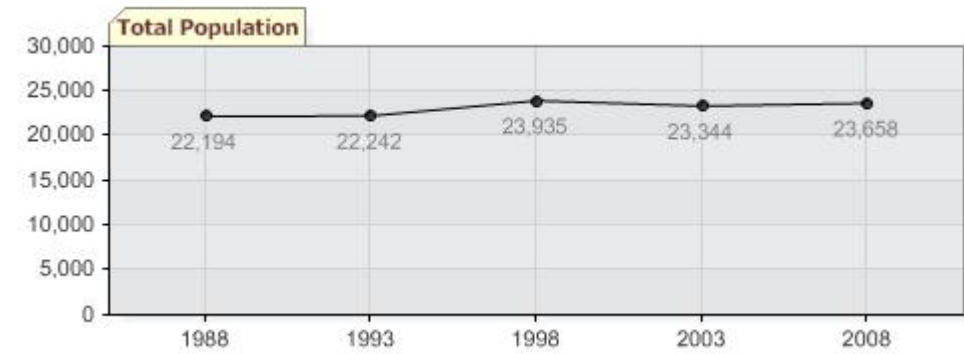
Starke County, IN Highlights

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Overview	Population	Education	Commuting	Labor Force	Industry	Income	Firm Size

Population

A region's economy thrives or dives because of the people who choose to live there. That choice may occur by being born there and desiring to stay, or a more deliberate one of choosing to relocate from somewhere else. Monitoring change in the size and movement of population is an important barometer of well-being. Some of us monitor these changes as an insect might gauge the shifting sands while most don't pay much attention. But the barometer is a good metaphor for population change since it can presage more notable events, such as lackluster business attraction due to lack of workers.

Population Over Time					
	1988	1993	1998	2003	2008
Total Population	22,194	22,242	23,935	23,344	23,658
Change Since 1988		48	1,741	1,150	1,464
Pct. Change Since 1988		0.2%	7.8%	5.2%	6.6%



Source: US Census Bureau

Components of Population Change 2007 to 2008

	Number
Net Domestic Migration	72
International Migration	14
Natural Increase (births minus deaths)	70
Births	341
Deaths	271

A bar chart titled "Components of Change" showing the breakdown of population change from 2007 to 2008. The y-axis represents the number of people, ranging from 0 to 80 in increments of 10. The x-axis shows three categories: Domestic Migration, International Migration, and Natural Increase. The bars are colored blue, red, and green respectively.

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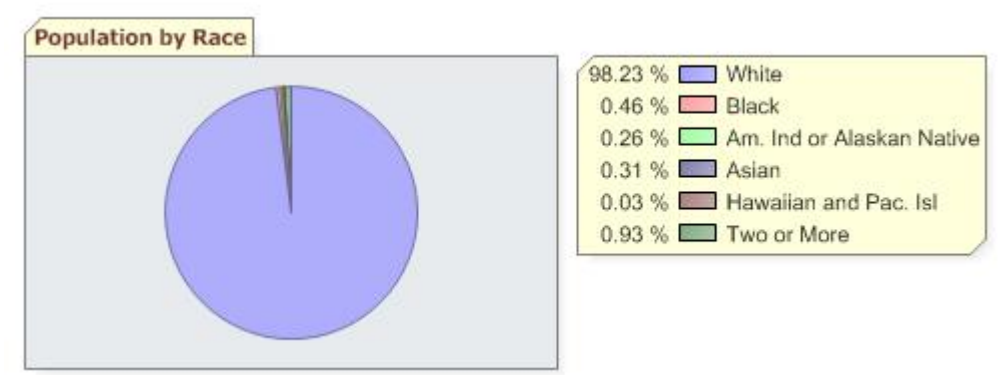
Population Estimates by Age in 2007

	Number	Pct. Dist
Preschool	1,442	6.1%
School Age	4,242	18.1%
College Age	1,825	7.8%
Young Adult	6,170	26.3%
Older Adult	6,143	26.1%
Older (65 plus)	3,720	15.8%

Source: US Census Bureau

Population Estimates by Race and Hispanic Origin in 2007

	Number	Pct. Dist
American Ind. or Alaskan Native Alone	60	0.3%
Asian Alone	73	0.3%
Black Alone	107	0.5%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pac. Isl. Alone	6	0.0%
White Alone	23,078	98.2%
Two or More Race Groups	218	0.9%



Hispanic or Latino

Non-Hispanic or Latino	22,915	97.5%
Hispanic or Latino	627	2.7%

Source: US Census Bureau

Households in 2000

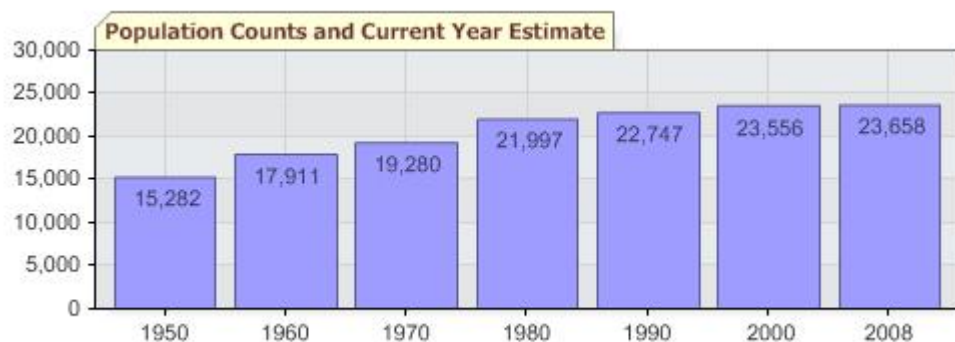
	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Households	8,740	100.0%
Family Households	6,447	73.8%
Married with Children	2,213	25.3%
Married without Children	2,979	34.1%
Single Parents	734	8.4%
Other	521	6.0%
Non-family Households	2,293	26.2%
Living Alone	1,954	22.4%
Average Household Size	2.69	
Average Family Household Size	3.65	

Source: US Census Bureau

Population Counts by Decade and Current Year Estimate

	Population	Numerical	Pct. Chg.
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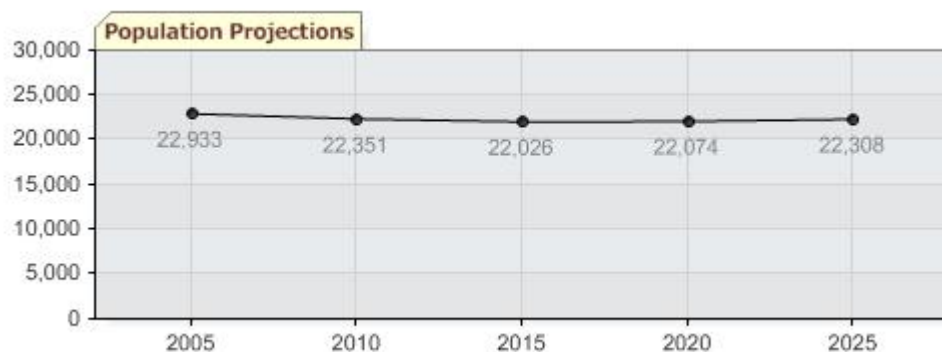
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1950	15,282	NA	NA
1960	17,911	2,629	17.2%
1970	19,280	1,369	7.6%
1980	21,997	2,717	14.1%
1990	22,747	750	3.4%
April 2000	23,556	809	3.6%
2008	23,658	102	0.4%



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Population Projections

	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025
Population Projections	22,933	22,351	22,026	22,074	22,308
Change Since 2005		-582	-907	-859	-625
Pct. Change Since 2005		-2.5%	-4.0%	-3.7%	-2.7%



Source: Indiana Business Research Center